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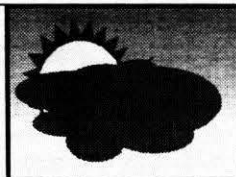
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INTERNET

Automatic mailings delay e-mail

By J.R. McMillan
Reporter

Even the Information Super Highway isn't immune to an occasional traffic-jam.

Electronic mail service at Marshall has been operating on a delay for the past week. A delay resulting mostly from a wave of automatic mailings, said Phil S. Smith, work station support manager. Unrelated router problems at Marshall and outside WVNET have made access to other network communications, such as Turbo Gopher and Mosaic Netscape, difficult as well, Smith said.

"We have had some communications trouble because of hardware problems here and outside of WVNET," Smith said. "For a while going out on HOBbit was iffy at best." Smith said router problems at Marshall were fixed quickly, but other troubles remained.

"The big delays in the delivery e-mail were from changes we made here," Smith said, explaining that a series of changes was made to the system to better deal with a steady stream of automatic mailings. "We've had this problem for a while; it has just been how to deal with it."

"We usually process 6,000 to 7,000 mail messages daily, with sometimes up to 3,000 from the administrative cluster," said Bob D. Boag, lead system programmer for the Campus Computer Center. Boag said a number of students are on mailing lists that may send 50 messages or more daily, thereby exceeding their allotted drive space.

"We have some students that may get on a mailing list, and then don't check their e-mail again for a month. Fifty messages a day for a month, that's the problem with high volume lists," Boag explained. "During the weekend of the 21st, we held the overflow in the queue hoping that this might reduce the problem." The queue is the buffer where mail is held awaiting delivery. An undelivered or "bounced" message alerts the sender that a message has not been received.

Boag said that by the following Monday, 6,500 messages were still awaiting delivery. It took until Wednesday to deliver all of the messages that had backlogged. "Delivery was slow, but we didn't lose any mail messages," Boag said.

The sending of mail by Marshall users was conse-

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UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE

Privately-managed bookstore proposed to improve services

By Brian Hofmann
Reporter

Imagine a day when the Marshall University Bookstore is located on one floor at Memorial Student Center, when students will be able to shop for their own books and when books can be delivered overnight.

Administrators say they want it to happen, but they don't want to rush into it.

Ray F. Welty, director of auxiliary services, said Tuesday, a rough draft for the proposal being put together for the University of

"We've tried to get a feel for what the industry was doing, what the trends were. Universities don't do a very good job of managing their own services."

Dr. K. Edward Grose,
senior vice president
for operations

West Virginia System Board of Trustees could be completed as early as next week. A final copy, however, isn't in sight.

"The review committee will take a look at it," he said. "There are some things the committee will need to discuss."

A project to improve the bookstore by turning over its management to a private company has been in the works since December 1993.

"More colleges and universities are going with bookstore contractors. ... Contracting ser-

vices is not uncommon and it's not uncommon here," Welty said, noting the university contracts out everything from snow removal to elevator repair.

He also pointed out the university's relationship with Marriott, which manages the food services.

Like with Marriott, he said university officials could make certain that the company that takes over management of the bookstore continues to improve its service each year.

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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Marco sells the competition



By J.R. McMillan
Reporter

A portable CD player, an Eagles concert ticket and a commercial featuring Marco — What do these three have in common? Each costs about \$100.

Marco's recent commercial appearance for Stadium Bookstore cost \$100, according to James H. Morgan, the bookstore's owner. "We were standing around one day talking about how great it would be if we could get Marco to do a commercial. We called the Athletic Department to try to make the arrangements."

"We've never been approached with this before," said James D. Woodrum, assistant athletic director for external operations. "We decided that we needed to come up with criteria for such matters."

Woodrum said it was decided that the advertiser must be "involved in some way" with the athletic program, and that any promotional fee would be placed in the cheerleaders' fund. The student who plays Marco, Scott L. Ramey, Huntington sophomore, was not paid personally for the commercial.

"I was previously unaware of the commercial," said Sherry H. Asbury, manager of MU Foundation, Inc. "Since Stadium Bookstore has already paid the set licensing fee, the decision on the commercial is up to the Athletic Department."

The bookstore must pay a flat \$50 licensing fee to Colle-

giate Licensing of Atlanta to carry any items depicting the Marshall name, mascot, logos, or slogans. An additional 7.5 percent of the wholesale price of each item is also collected by Collegiate Licensing, Asbury said. "Marshall receives about 70 percent of that."

"Collegiate Licensing is one of the largest college licensing companies in the country," Morgan said. "The licensing fees vary quite a bit. Michigan for instance is \$1000."

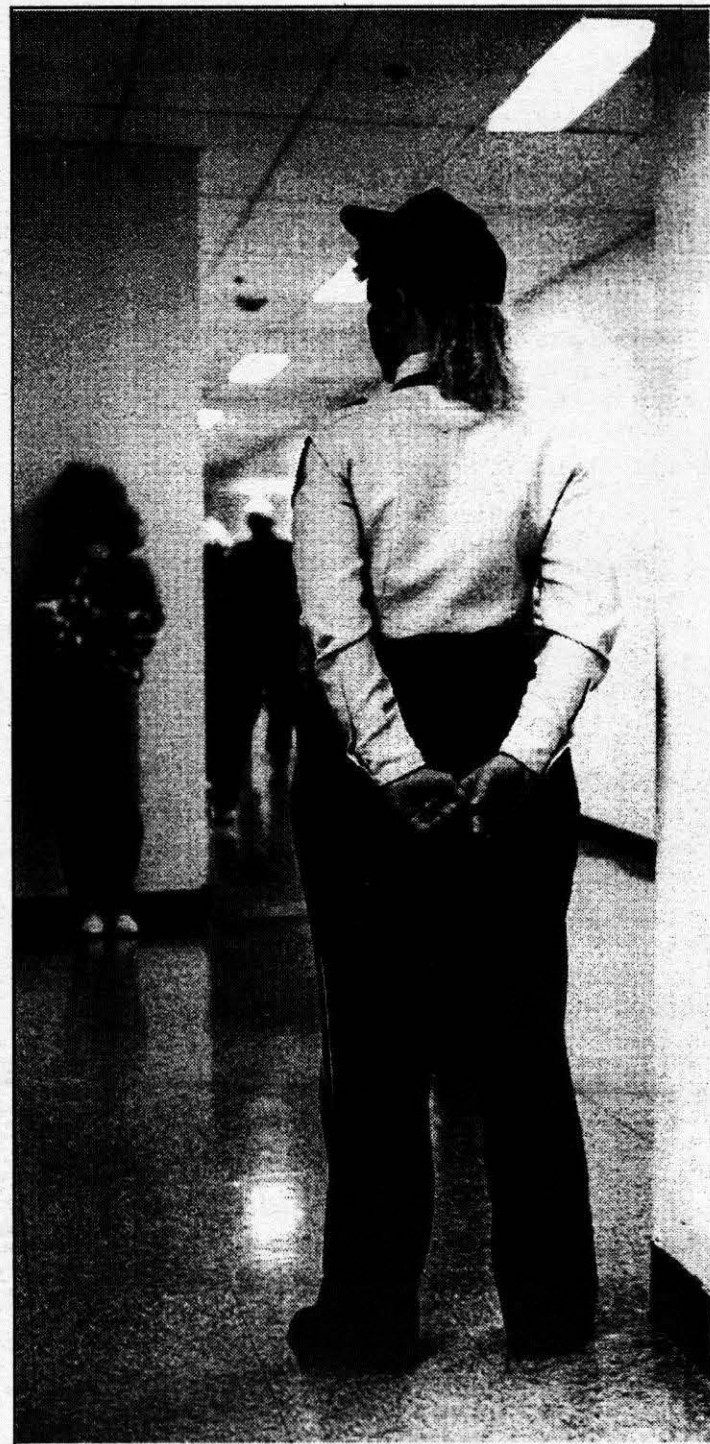
Morgan also stated that some schools still do their own licensing, offering Notre Dame, West Virginia University, and Youngstown State as examples.

The commercial was shot in August and ran in September on cable stations, according to Rutter Communications, the company responsible for the placement of the ad. It started to air again in January.

"Since we have to generate funds, we take care of our advertisers," Woodrum commented.

When asked whether there was any conflict with Marshall's mascot advertising for a business in direct competition with the on-campus bookstore, Woodrum stated, "We wouldn't want to do anything denigrating to the university. If our bookstore showed the same level of support, we would look at the same type of arrangement."

Guarding the food



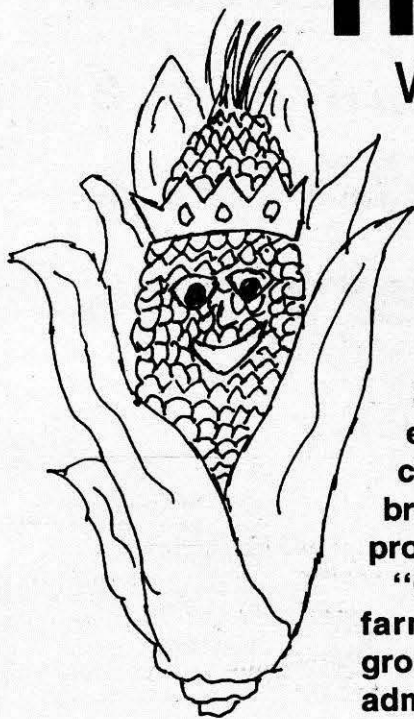
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Pamela Simpkins, Pinkerton Security guard, stand watch over the snacks provided by the Athletic Department for the media during a basketball game.

This & That

The master of maize

Where the buffalo roam the corn has grown



WATSEKA, Ill. (AP) — When the National Corn Growers Association says Walter Hasselbring is king, there's more than a kernel of truth to it.

Hasselbring's yield of just over 300 bushels per acre in 1994 earned him his 10th corn-growing championship in 20 years, and broke a record for non-irrigated corn production.

"Obviously, he's an excellent farmer and he has some good ground," said Carol Reinholt, sales administrator for Gutwein Seeds,

which Hasselbring uses to produce his copious crops. "Also, he just has the knack."

The Gutwein company has rewarded his silo-splitting performances by sending him off on trips to Mexico, Europe, Hawaii, Alaska, and this year, Jamaica.

The farmer credits part of his success to a herd of about 200 buffalo he keeps on his 1,800-acre farm about 70 miles south of Chicago.

Hasselbring grows corn, feeds it to the buffalo, then spreads the manure over the fields. And that's no bull.

Come one, come all to see the soiled cup

WESCOSVILLE, Pa. (AP) — When does a dirty coffee cup increase business at a restaurant? When it's been soiled by the president's lips.

Customers have been flocking to the Charcoal Drive-in to gawk at a mug President Clinton used.

Drive-in employees plan to enshrine the cup, its saucer and a coffee-soiled napkin and spoon Clinton used.

"It's a rare thing," waitress Judie Mengucci said. "Now how often does the president stop in for a cup of coffee?"

For the record: Clinton ordered a decaf and, after posing for a photo, slipped behind the counter for seconds.

"Nobody had noticed that he needed a refill," Art Metzgar said. "So he went and helped himself."

FYI

Baptist Campus Ministries will meet tonight at 9:15 in the Campus Christian Center.

The Educational Support Programs Office is offering weekly study skills seminars. "Finding time to go to class, complete assignments and still have a life" will be the topic at 9:15 p.m. in Twin Towers West. More information is available from Sandra Clemente at 696-2271.

Et Cetera is accepting poetry and short stories in the mailbox, 3rd floor Corby Hall English offices, until Feb. 3. More information is available at 696-6645.

The Wilderness Adventure Club will meet today in MSC 2W37 at 5 p.m. More information is available from Steve at 525-3035 or Mike at 696-2974.

The Archaeology Club and the Red Cross are collecting canned foods and personal items to help aid the victims of the Japanese earthquake. Receiving bins will be placed in the Arms, Campus Christian Center and the student activi-

ties office. More information is available from Greg Jones at 697-0102.

Gamma Beta Phi will meet today in MSC 2W29 at 5 p.m. More information is available from Kim at 525-8584 or Patty at 696-2354.

Campus Crusade for Christ will meet for prayer tonight in MSC 2W22.

The Lambda Society will meet at 9:15 p.m. in MSC 2W37. The group's weekly meeting will discuss social, political and support networks for gay, lesbian and bisexual students and friends. More information is available at 696-6623.

World Religions Seminar will show "Schindler's List" today at noon in the green room of the Campus Christian Center. More information is available at 697-3808.

Correction: The cutline under the picture on the front page of Tuesday's Parthenon said Robin Romanek was in the Jazz Ensemble. Romanek is in the Alumni Jazz Ensemble, directed by J.D. Folsom.

Watching sex, lies and group activities

CHICAGO (AP) — Vladimir Zhirinovsky's peace plan: Make love, not war.

"If each Chechen would have a woman, there would be no war," he says in the March issue of Playboy magazine.

Russia's flamboyant ultranationalist leader also suggested that interviewer Jennifer Gould and translator Masha Pavlenko have sex with his two male bodyguards.

Sex, he said, is "best when it's with a group."

Asked if he'd ever had sex

with four people, he said, "Of course. I love to watch more."

Why? "To see how the others do it," he said. "To see the mistakes. Plus, I'm lazy. It inspires me to the passion of youth."

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AIDS top killer of young adults

WASHINGTON (AP) — AIDS has surpassed accidents as the leading killer of young adults, experts say.

The new figures, released Monday, show that in 1993, HIV infection became the No. 1 cause of death among Americans 25 to 44 years old.

Dr. Harold Jaffe of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta said that more than 441,000 Americans have gotten AIDS since 1981, and more than 250,000 have died.

"Because AIDS is predominantly a disease of young adults, the impact of AIDS deaths on our society goes far beyond their absolute numbers," Jaffe said.

Jaffe outlined the latest statistics at an AIDS meeting sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology.

In 1993, about 35 of every 100,000 young adults died from AIDS. The same year, about 32 per 100,000 died from accidents, followed by cancer,

heart disease, suicide and murder.

AIDS' impact is greatest in large cities, such as New York, Miami and Atlanta, where the disease accounts for between one-third and two-thirds of deaths in young men. It has become a significant health problem among the young in many smaller places, as well.

Jaffe said that AIDS is now the leading killer of young adults in 79 U.S. cities, including such places as Springfield, Ill.; Omaha, Neb.; Tulsa, Okla.; and Raleigh, N.C.

The young people with AIDS are largely black and Hispanic, especially those who caught the disease heterosexually.

New AIDS cases being reported to the CDC have leveled off at about 20,000 every three months.

"The one clear take-home message in all areas is the increasing importance of the heterosexual AIDS epidemic in this country," Jaffe said.

Gingrich calls for Medicare overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — Medicare and the agency that administers it need to be reinvented to give senior citizens greater health care choices, House Speaker Newt Gingrich says.

"I think at the vision level, you have to rethink the whole structure because as long as you have the Health Care Finance Administration micromanaging and having too much red tape, it doesn't work," Gingrich, R-Ga., said Monday.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the American Hospital Association, Gingrich said the current "highly centralized, bu-

reaucratic structure, offering one menu for everybody in a monopolistic manner, is the opposite of how America works."

Gingrich proposed forming a task force to revamp the program, choosing its members from senior citizen groups, the hospital association and medical societies.

"We are going to rethink Medicare from the ground up," he said. "It's not just a question of saying what's wrong with the current structure; it's a



Gingrich

question of thinking through at the vision and strategy level, what might be right about the replacement."

He was not specific about how Medicare might be reformed, except that managed care might be one option senior citizens and the disabled could choose. Medicare reform is not part of the House Republicans' "Contract With America."

As for the rest of his health care agenda, Gingrich said he envisions reforming the system piece by piece, rather than with a huge overhaul bill the Clinton administration failed to pass last year.

Fighting resumes in war-torn Bosnia

Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) Daybreak brought a resumption in fighting in Bosnia's northwest Tuesday and the start of a delayed evacuation of more than 100 sick and wounded people from the eastern enclave of Gorazde.

The area south of Velika Kladusa was rocked by 635 detonations Monday. U.N. observers around Bihac said it also was quiet overnight after

27 detonations west of the town Monday.

Nina Winkvist of the International Committee of the Red Cross said her people saw dozens of wounded in the Velika Kladusa hospital near the Croatia border Monday after arriving with a convoy carrying 40 tons of aid.

With no major conflicts elsewhere, negotiators representing the warring sides turned to

talks on a four-month truce signed Dec. 31 but only barely holding because of repeated violations.

U.N. officials said the evacuation of seriously wounded and ill people from Gorazde was finally under way.

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our view

All students should participate in Black History Month events

▲ **The Issue:** Several campus organizations are sponsoring events during Black History Month that can benefit all cultures.

February is Black History Month and students of every race, not only African-American students, should take advantage of the various events and learn more about other cultures.

The speakers and forums will provide a much needed opportunity for everyone to realize the similarities of all races and appreciate their differences.

Events scheduled during the month-long observance focus on various aspects of African-American culture, including a gospel extravaganza and a soul food feast.

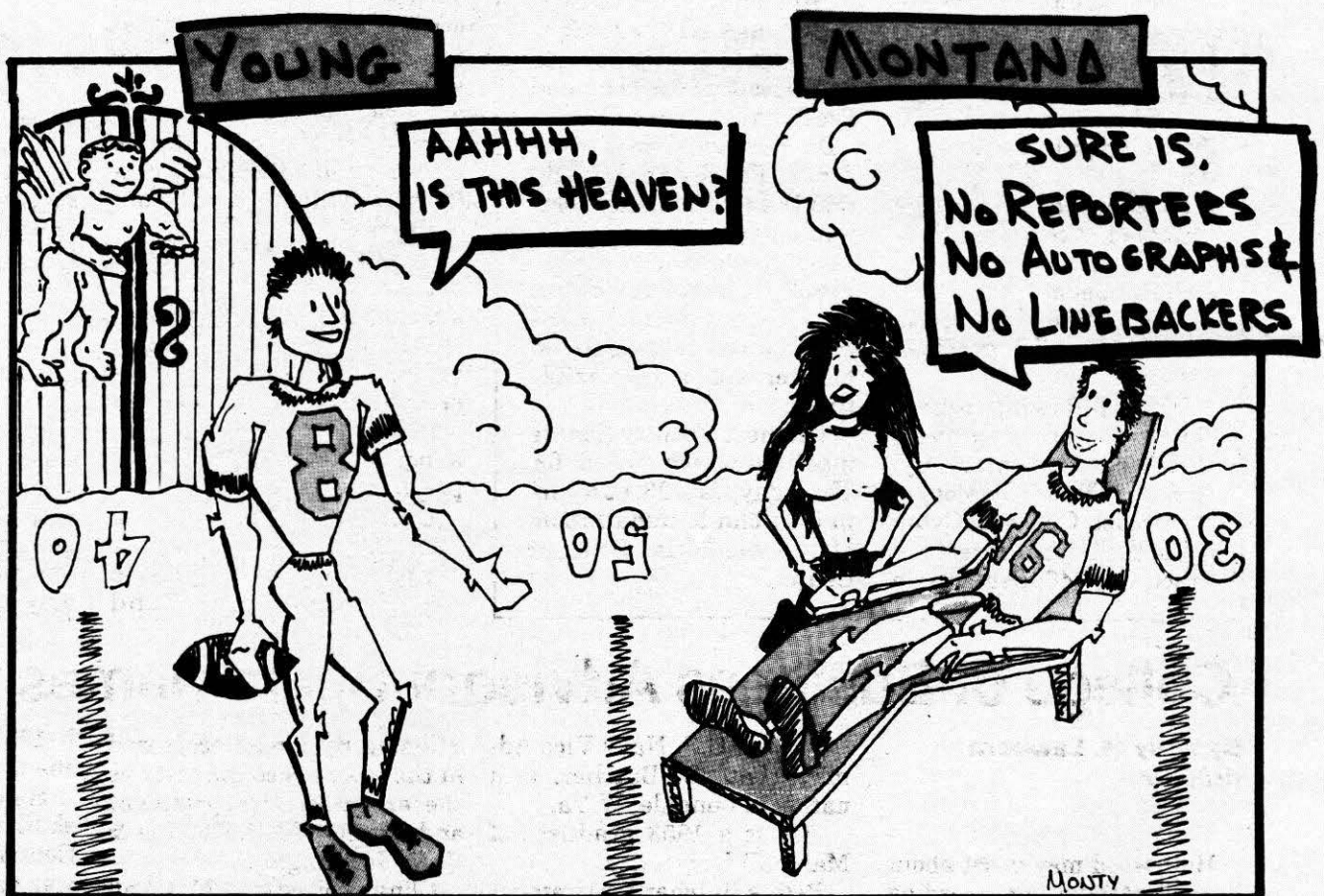
Today's national video conference via satellite, "Beyond the Dream VII: The Vanishing Black Male", will give MU students a chance to hear national views on the social issues that affect the lives of Black males as well as participate on a local panel discussion afterwards.

Tamiko A. Ferrell, Oak Hill junior, is one of the panelists and said the goal of the discussion to present a positive image of the Black male.

It is time to dissolve the ignorance of racism that still exists in some people. Education can only increase understanding and Black History Month is a primary way to attain this education.

The world we live in is diverse and we must learn to live peacefully in this diverse society. By accepting and appreciating each other, we will grow and become a more productive society.

The events are free and open to everyone. All students should open their minds and attend these events to see what other students experience in their daily lives.



Letters to the Editor



Businesses should comply with non-smoking regulations

To the editor:

In the continuing debate of whether the Cabell County Board of Health has authority to regulate smoking in county public places, everyone seems to be overlooking several important factors.

First, I would like to take issue with Dave Peyton's Jan. 23 Herald-Dispatch column in which he states that the Health Department should not enact more regulations until they catch every violator of regulations now in force. This is like telling law enforcement officers not to bother with burglaries and traffic violators unless they have stopped every murder or rape in their jurisdiction.

The fact a law or regulation is enacted is a public statement that the behavior or act is not acceptable. This serves as a deterrent because all of us know that if we are the ones caught violating the law, we can be punished.

Second, there is already a vehicle for law suits by non-smokers under Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), cover-

ing Public Accommodations and Services Operated by Private Entities. When aggressive members of the legal profession and the general public become more aware of this fact, there will be many law suits filed. Anyone who has a physical condition such as respiratory or heart disease, cancer, or any of the many conditions that may be exacerbated by second hand smoke, may request, and expect to receive, a reasonable accommodation that will result in their having equal service, no "unequal or separate" to those who smoke. If they do not receive the accommodation, they may file suit for compensation. They would be entitled to a maximum of \$50,000 per incident for a first offense by a private owner and a maximum of \$100,000 for second and subsequent offenses, plus reasonable attorney fees.

They may also file a complaint with the U.S. Attorney General, who is charged by Congress with enforcement of Title III. Title III covers restaurants, bars, department stores, movie theaters, su-

permarkets, business offices, or any place of public gathering. Bona fide private clubs or religious organizations would be exempt. However, enacting a private membership as a subterfuge to avoid the intent of the law would not be accepted.

So, if I were a business owner in Cabell County, I would appreciate, even seek, the guidance of the Cabell County Board of Health in the smoking issue. The argument that they may lose customers is not proven and legally irrelevant. They may lose smokers and gain non-smokers. Either way, it would be more cost effective than having to settle law suits. If businesses comply with the county regulations and are still sued, their liability may be reduced by the effort made to conform to currently known standards. Refusing to make any acceptable accommodations for a smoke free environment may prove to be a very expensive lesson.

Carole A. Boster
Huntington Resident

Hypocrisy evident in every facet of life

To the editor:

This letter is in response to Adam Dean's discrimination column.

Adam, would you please, please get off your anti-Christian soap box! Your opinions are evident to us all. And I think that if anyone is being discriminatory it's you.

It seems that you are open minded to anything but Christianity. I'm a Christian. I love God and He's changed my life, but I

could care less if someone chooses to pray to his god. Man, I don't care! And I know that I speak for most all Christians. You are the one who is stereotyping all Christians. Just remember, there are hypocrites in everything, Adam, not just Christianity.

Remember when alternative music got real popular a few years ago and everyone jumped on the tough-man flannel bandwagon?

ing for.

I apologize for any hypocrite who has negatively influenced your opinion on Christianity, but no one's perfect! Not even Christians! But there is a relationship with Christ that is real, and it's open to anyone who wants it.

Brian McSweeney
Huntington sophomore

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Faculty Senate approves two new course addition

By Lori A. Miller
Reporter

The Faculty Senate approved two course additions at the Jan. 26 meeting, CHM 423: Environmental Analytical Chemistry, and CSD 205: Computer Programming.

Two course deletions were approved, CSD 345: Software Development for Business Management, and CSD 356: Scientific Engineering Computing and Super Computing.

The following course changes were approved, CYT 439: Elementary Cytology, CYT 444: Cytology of the Breast, CYT 445: Cytology of the Gastro-intestinal Tract, Cyt 446: Research in

Cytology, and CYT 447: Advanced Methods in Cytology.

All additions, deletions and changes will be made to the catalog after approval from Academic Affairs and President. J. Wade Gilley.

Dr. Bertram Gross, president of Faculty Senate, said that the 1995 summer term would be considered transitional, but will be subject to Faculty Senate review. A transitional term means that summer courses would be offered at more flexible times.

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 23, at 4 p.m. in the John Marshall room of the Memorial Student Center.

The miracle of life

Life is a miracle.

Whether you are a hard-core atheist, or devoutly religious, witnessing the creation of another living thing is an experience that seldom fails to move you inside. In the midst of all our quests for scientific knowledge and philosophic truth, we often tend to minimize or easily discard the wonders before our eyes.

Recently, my sister Teresa's pet dog, Saki, got out of the apartment when she was in heat. Like many pet owners before her, my sister discovered this too late, and the deed was done. The golden-eyed, auburn-colored Doberman was pregnant.

Over the next few months, Saki ballooned up in weight as her pups were growing inside her. Pressing your hand

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against her belly, you could feel several of them kicking and twisting in their warm haven. It was both unnerving and wondrous at the same time, and it was easy for me to marvel at the experience.

A few days afterwards, I received a phone call that the puppies had been born. There was a bittersweetness that accompanied the moment - only 3 of the 8 puppies had survived. Even though life isn't always fair, and sometimes that fact is easy to accept, that sad fact

moved me to tears. The ones who had died were not strong enough to live in the outside world.

The black-haired, pugnacious, whimpering pup sniffing my fingers was new to this life, and the responsibility of making sure that it had a good home became extremely important.

I wonder why we lose our perspective on how precious every living thing is. What causes us to disregard that feeling of joy that we all can't help but feel when a newborn baby or animal is ejecting into our world from its mothers' womb?

If it's just that we happen to forget or don't take the time to remember, maybe we should remember that the best things in life do come in small packages.

College of Business Advisory Board names four to its Hall of Fame

By Kelly M. Lawhorn
Reporter

Hollywood may boast about its walk of fame, but according to the Advisory Board of the College of Business, four inductees for its own Hall of Fame have been announced for 1995.

They are Vice Admiral Paul Butcher (posthumous), Phillip E. Cline, John R. Hall and J. Robert Pritchard.

Retired U.S. Navy Vice Admiral Paul D. Butcher, is a native of Lundale, W.Va.

He is a 1953 graduate of Marshall University.

Before Butcher's retirement in 1991 from the U.S. Navy he served as Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander-In-Chief of the U.S. Transportation Command (TRANSCOM) during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Philip E. Cline, a native of

Stidham, Ky. is best recognized in the business community as the executive vice president and director of J.H. Fletcher & Co. in Huntington.

Cline received from Marshall his bachelor's degree in accounting in 1955.

He master's degree in political science in 1962.

John R. Hall is the chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Ashland Inc. His career began with Ashland Oil

in 1957 when he was hired as a chemical engineer.

Hall was honored by Marshall when the John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence was named in his honor.

J. Robert Pritchard is easily recognized as the president of Pritchard Electric Co., of Huntington.

Pritchard is a 1935 graduate of St. Albans High School in St. Albans, W.Va.

Pritchard is a member of the

boards of directors of Bank One, Cabell Huntington Hospital, Huntington City Mission, Boy Scouts of America, Boys and Girls Clubs, The United Way and Goodwill Industries.

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Bookstore

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Dr. K. Edward Grose, senior vice president for operations, was a member of the committee which studied the bookstore. He said the committee compared the bookstore to others in the area.

"We tried to get a feel for what the industry was doing, what the trends were," he said. "Universities don't do a very good job of managing their own services."

Committee members, along with two bookstore employees, visited the University of Kentucky store, which has contracted management.

Among the things Grose would like to see happening to the bookstore include an ex-

pansion on the first floor of Memorial Student Center, open stacks so students can find their own books, plus the benefits of having connections with a private firm. He said the company which manages West Virginia University's store can get books in one day.

Grose also said the university should be able to make more money from a privately-managed bookstore. In 1994, cash receipts from the bookstore were \$3.568 million. And the store's expenses totaled \$3.455 million, Dr. Herbert J. Karlet, vice president for finance, said.

Projected windfall from private management of the store could reach as high as \$300,000, Grose said.

"Those net profits will be dedicated to the student scholarship fund," he said.

Alexander the Great's lost tomb discovered in Egypt

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Archaeologists have found the long-sought tomb of Alexander the Great in the Egyptian desert, the head of Egypt's antiquities department said today.

"I do feel that this is the tomb of Alexander," Abdel-Halim Nouredin, chairman of the Egyptian Antiquities Organization, told The Associated Press. "All the evidence is there."

"We have dreamt about this for a long time," he said. "When you find it, you never quite believe it."

Nouredin, one of the nation's ranking Egyptologists, spoke after visiting the site near the oasis of Siwa in the Western Desert.

Alexander, king of Macedon, was one of the greatest generals of all time and one of the dominant personalities of the ancient world.

He led his armies out of Greece in 334 B.C. at the age of 22, creating an empire that covered much of Asia and spreading Greek culture throughout the Mideast and Asia.

He is believed to have been planning a voyage by sea around Arabia when he caught a fever and died at Babylon in 323 B.C. at the age of 33.

His burial place is one of the great unsolved mysteries of the ancient world.

Internet

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quently slowed. "People were relatively used to instantaneous delivery," Boag said. "It could take seconds to minutes for a message to get out."

Boag suggests that if students find that they are on an unwanted mailing list, that they let someone at the Computer Center know as soon as possible. Among the options

being considered to curb the problem of high volume mailings are automatic file compression and/or turning off delivery to accounts based on frequency of use, Boag said.

"We haven't denied delivery to accounts that have exceeded their quota yet, but we don't want to run into a situation of low disk space either," Boag said. "We may just have to start bouncing back messages after quota. I don't see a quick solution beyond that."

Texas executes two inmates within hours

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Two men convicted in separate murder cases were put to death by lethal injection Tuesday in Texas' first multiple execution in 44 years.

The U.S. Supreme Court denied last-minute appeals Monday for both men.

Since the high court allowed the death penalty to resume in 1976, only Arkansas has carried out more than one execution on the same day, putting to death two killers on May 11 and three on Aug. 3.

In Texas, 33-year-old Clifton Russell was pronounced dead at 12:29 a.m. Willie Williams,

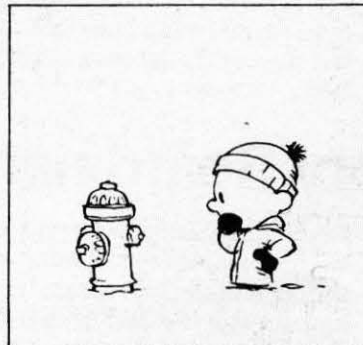
The U.S. Supreme Court denied last minute appeals from both men.

38, was executed about an hour and a half later.

The delay between executions was to give officials time to replace needles and tubes used to administer the injection.

Prosecutors said it was mere coincidence that the two were to die on the same day. Execution dates are set by judges.

Calvin and Hobbes



by Bill Watterson



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ROTC in search of a few good students

By Kelly M. Lawhorn
Reporter

Applications for two and three-year Army ROTC scholarships are being taken by the Department of Military Science.

"We have a few applicants but not as many as we like," said Major Richard A. Neikirk, professor of military science.

ROTC scholarships offer financial help for college in exchange for a commission in the military as a second lieutenant.

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Scholarships are awarded based on

academic performance, scores on the Physical Aptitude Examination or the Army Physical Readiness Test, a personal interview by a professor of military science and demonstrated motivation toward an Army career.

Captain Mike P. Forrest, professor of military science, said, "An ideal candidate is somebody who is not afraid of the future, is willing to make a decision and not be afraid to make a mistake and if they make a mistake are willing to take responsibility for their actions."

Neikirk said, "I think that people need to understand that they are not enlisting in the Army. We are not full-time Army recruiters. Our job is to recruit those leaders that will

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"We are looking for somebody who is focused and knows what they want out of life... a good American and citizen... is a good academic student and likes a challenge."

The deadline for submitting an application is Feb. 15. More information is available by calling 696-6450.



SOAR members work with alumni

By Tonia-Lynn Barnett
Reporter

At Marshall, SOAR is not just something a bird does, but a student organization.

"SOAR stands for Student Organization for Alumni Affairs," said Mike Hanlon, Williamstown senior and president of SOAR.

Located in the Erickson Alumni Center, SOAR helps with activities such as student and alumni relations, Hanlon said. The group helps with parties, banquets and dinners for alumni and their families.

The group elects two ambassadors every year to serve as representatives at such activities as receptions at the university president's house and events in the sky box at football games.

Be Apart From the Start, a division of SOAR, is for freshmen and transfer students, Hanlon said. "The group gives out cups at the beginning of the year to those students living in the dorms to build awareness for the group."

SOAR had a sub party Jan. 24 to help recruit members. Hanlon said 16 new people attended the party. The group meets every two weeks at the alumni center.

"At the end of every meeting we hold a vote to see when people can meet for the next meeting," Hanlon said. "Obviously not everybody can be at every meeting, but this helps so more people can come more often."

More information is available by calling the group's office at 696-2525.

Marco's now open during the day

Commuter students now have an alternative to sitting around the Memorial Student Center fireplace at noon.

Marco's is now open from noon until 2 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays.

Members of Campus Entertainment Unlimited (CEU), a student organization, thought Marco's should be opened during the day in addition to eve-

nings to accommodate commuters during their free noon hours, said Jennifer L. Treloar, graduate assistant for student activities.

"Hopefully, after people hear about it and see what's going, they'll come down and use Marco's as a place to hang out," Treloar said.

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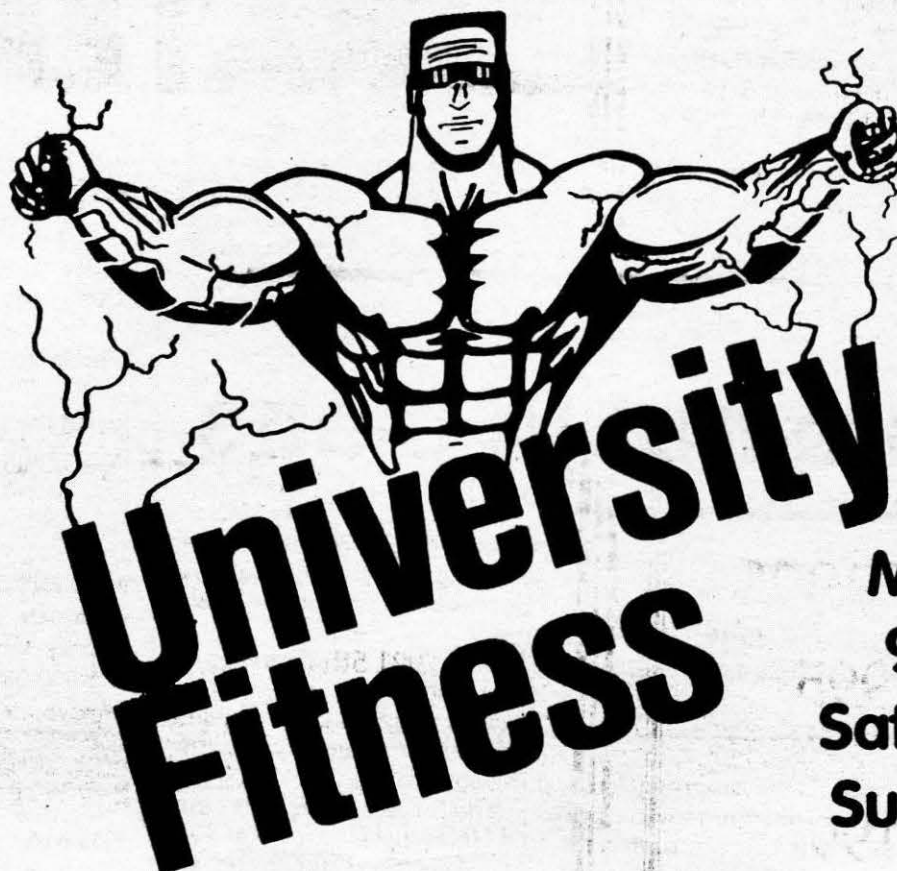
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Workshop will focus on clinical depression

By Robby Mossman
Reporter

There will be a workshop Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge focusing on "The High Cost of Depression." Binni Bieler, associate professor of psychiatry, said the workshop will deal with depression both as an economic

figure in the national economy and the entire health care industry.

"We will also be talking about clinical depression as opposed to having just a few bad days," she said.

"The current thinking is that some people have an inherited vulnerability to develop depression when they are stressed," Bieler said.

"Severe life stress and loss may contribute to depression and sometimes we can't find a reason we only can identify the symptoms which together gives us a picture of what we call clinical depression," said Bieler.

"In a six month period of time 9.4 million Americans will suffer from clinical depression," she said.

Some classic symptoms of clinical depression, said Bieler, are "the feeling of sadness, helplessness and irritability."

She also cited changes in sleeping and eating habits.

She explained how one can tell the difference between being down and clinical depression.

"Look for the depression to

be two to four weeks time for this to continue and to not have any relief from it," she said.

To determine a diagnosis of depression and treatment, Bieler recommended speaking with someone who knows how to recognize clinical depression.

She also said that talking with others can be helpful as well.

Success: it doesn't come easy, even with degree, say students

By Jodi L. Bee
Reporter

The notion that a college degree is an instant ticket to a great career has been disputed by some recent Marshall graduates.

Kimberly Baisi earned her bachelor's degree in finance in May 1993.

Almost two years later, she says she still works at a dentist's office and is searching for a position in her field.

"When I graduated, I thought the jobs would just be out there waiting for me," she said. "I didn't realize what I was in for."

"I have been to interview after interview, and they always want to know the same thing: do I have experience," Baisi said.

"I have realized that it is hard to get a good job with just a degree," she continued.

"To qualify for a job today you have to have two to five years experience in your field of education," she said.

"How do they expect you to get experience when you can't get a position that will give you that experience?" she asked.

Baisi also said colleges do not give students the experience they need to compete in a vast work force.

"What do all of those books do?" she said. "They certainly don't teach you real life. I wish more colleges gave students 'hands on' experience."

Philip Adams graduated in December 1993. He earned a

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**Kimberly Baisi
Marshall graduate**

bachelor's degree in information systems.

He said he too, found the search for the perfect career to be a dead end.

"I've had a few jobs since I graduated, none of which had anything to do with my degree," he said. "I have the degree required for most jobs, but not the experience."

Adams said, "I look at it two ways; either I leave West Virginia or I go back to school and try to get more experience."

He added, "When it comes to getting a job in this state, it's not what you know, it's who you know."

Jack Ingles, who graduated in May 1990 with a master's degree in public relations, said he blames the students themselves for not being able to find a job.

He said he was lucky enough to find a career in his field, but had to start at the bottom and work his way up. He gave advice to other students.

"Experience is definitely the way to go," he said. "Internships improve your marketability in the work force. 'Finding

a job also depends on the field you choose," he added. "For instance, the health care field is doing very well right now."

He also said working one's way through school is essential to how one will do once out of college.

"The more you do in college the better off you are," he said. "Working summers and doing internships are extremely helpful."

"You also have to be willing to move to other regions of the country. If you choose to stay in one area, you limit yourself to fewer career opportunities," Ingles said.

He also stressed the importance of selecting the right field of study. "If I had it to do over again, I would take a different route," he said. "Knowing what I know now, I would have probably become a doctor."

Ingles said he feels it is what one knows that will land a dream job, and it is the students' responsibility to make sure they get the experience they need to compete in today's industry.

"What you do while you are in school is essential to how you will do once you get out," he said.

To avoid working at low-paying jobs, one must have initiative, he added.

"If internships aren't available, make your own," he said.

"Find a part-time job in your field. Go out and get the experience. The student is the only one who can ensure they have the proper requirements needed to get the job."

Church site not in plans

By Michelle R. Ross
Reporter

Rumors of university plans to purchase the former Otterbein United Methodist Church have been refuted.

Dr. K. Edward Grose, senior vice president for operations, said the university has no intentions of purchasing the church.

He said it isn't even in Marshall's master property acquisition plan, which doesn't include any properties between 4 1/2 Alley and Fifth Avenue.

The Rev. Clyde W. Beard, Huntington district superintendent of the United Methodist Church, said Otterbein merged its membership with that of St. Luke United Methodist Church in June 1994 and

A church near campus may be up for sale in the near future, but university officials say there are no plans to buy it.

created a new congregation.

Beard said the new congregation will operate under the name Faith United Methodist Church. The administrative board of the church will decide in February which of the two churches the new congregation will meet in, he said.

Dr. Robert B. Hayes, chairperson of the building committee at Faith United Methodist, said the church not chosen for the congregation will be put up for sale.

Hayes said three people have already approached the united churches about the tentative purchase of one of the buildings.

Hayes said both churches are about the same size, but the former St. Luke Church would offer churchgoers more parking spaces.

The former Otterbein United Methodist Church is at 2042 5th Ave. St. Luke is on the corner of Seventh Avenue and 20th Street.

Dr. Michael D. Linger, pastor at Faith United Methodist, said the church the new congregation will worship in will be chosen on the basis of which location will benefit the congregation the most, and not on which of the two buildings would be more easily sold.

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TRIBAL DOCTOR

An MU School of Medicine physician has been working to help South American Indians protect themselves against disease.

By John Robinson
Reporter

Indiana Jones explored exotic tribes.

A Marshall doctor works to save them.

The Yanomami Indians of Venezuela will soon learn to immunize against deadly diseases, if the plans of International Project Leader Dr. John Walden, associate dean of Marshall's School of Medicine, are successful.

"The Yanomami are the largest group of uncultured tribesmen on earth," said Walden. Despite isolation in the remote jungles along the Orinoco River in Venezuela, they "are suffering unusually high incidences of malaria, hepatitis B, river blindness, and tuberculosis."

Walden said his project involves going to the villages to teach tribe members to vaccinate and treat other villagers.

"It is a time consuming process, but ultimately we feel confident in our efforts. Hundreds, perhaps thousands of Yanomami who are needlessly suffering and dying can be helped in the coming months and years."

Walden said he recently led a medical team to Venezuela for 10 days.

Marshall students will be able to assist in the project, Walden said.

"I'm looking forward to other folks from campus joining us, not only medical students and residents in training from the medical school, but other graduate students, and, maybe even undergraduate students in some aspect."

"We are focusing on the diseases that are threatening these people and their survival," said Walden, who says he has made more than 70 trips to the Amazon basin.

He said the diseases killing the Yanomami come from their gradual loss of isolation because of gold mining expeditions, government projects and exploration.

Journeys to the Yanomami require significant fitness and balance because of the distance, terrain and logs used as bridges, said Walden.

"All of my life, for whatever reason, one thing I have been able to do is long distance trekking."

Medical teams carry some foods on expeditions, but usually eat what is available. They catch and eat several types of fish such as bass, piranha and catfish, Walden said.

"Otherwise, we eat whatever the villagers have. But in some of the villages, they only have what they will eat that day. When we come in with two, four or six people, on some days, they simply don't have extra food."



Dr. John Walden, associate dean of Marshall University School of Medicine, has worked to bring better health care to Yanomami Indians such as the one above in South America.

Professor helps raise funds

By John Robinson
Reporter

Rock stars and billionaires will be the targets when Dr. John Walden, the associate dean of Marshall's School of Medicine, attends a fund-raising conference in Los Angeles this week.

Walden said he will encourage the financial support of performers such as Peter Gabriel and Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin Atlantic Airways.

Walden is in charge of a project to provide medical sup-

port to the 15,000 Yanomami Indians of Venezuela.

"We are working closely with a number of governmental and non-governmental organizations in Venezuela to make this program a reality," Walden said. "To involve some of the international banking firms is ultimately what we are interested in."

"A number of people from the computer and CD-ROM world, plus people from the music industry, rock stars, will be there," Walden said. "We are not interested in one-shot deals. We are interested in things of

ongoing utility."

According to a School of Medicine news release, the initial funding for Walden's project came from the Amazonia Foundation. However, Virgin Atlantic Airways and the Healthcare Foundation of the United Kingdom have "significantly augmented" the funding.

The Yanomami Indians are the largest group of uncultured people, Walden said.

Walden said his project could save hundreds, perhaps thousands of the Yanomami, and he intends the project to last for years.

Student renting guide available

By Sharon E. Gladwell
Reporter

A publication that explains legal rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants is available at the Office of Student Legal Aid in Memorial Student Center 2W29.

"A Student Guide to Renting," published once each semester, informs students about deposits, repairs, eviction, what is involved in leasing and renting and their legal rights as tenants when landlords don't fulfill their obligations.

Although campus attorneys

with the legal aid office take care of many situations, most complaints come from students concerned about their legal rights as tenants, said Elizabeth L. Sheets, program adviser of student legal aid.

The guide explains oral and written agreements between parties and definitions of terminology most often used in contracts.

"I think the best advice for students is to carefully select their apartment in terms of security and safety," Sheets said.

Students who have not rented or leased before could easily be taken advantage of.

"They need to know that along with choice of where to live comes legal responsibilities."

Sheets said students are often impressed with an apartment with a dishwasher or laundry facilities and lose sight of more important factors, such as safety, security and location.


"It is also very important for them to read and understand their lease before they sign it." The guide is free to students.

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DENVER — Mike Shanahan, offensive coordinator for the Super Bowl champion San Francisco 49ers, met with Broncos owner Pat Bowlen about becoming Denver's coach.

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It's rough, it's tough, it's rugby

Women's rugby is entering its third season and is the only team in the state

By Jennifer Hale
Reporter

Women's rugby is like any other club at Marshall ... almost.

Members sometimes come out of encounters with more than comradery and good clean fun. They sometimes go home with muddy hair and a bloody nose compliments of a new friend.

Entering its third year, the women's rugby team is the only one in the state.

The team held its first practice Monday after an organizational meeting last week that united 21 women interested in playing.

President of the club and 1994 Marshall graduate Christine Silver said players need no previous experience, since most of them have never before played rugby.

Players do not have to be students, but university rules require at least 50 percent as so.

"The first couple games are kind of chaotic and disorganized, but the longer you play the more you are able to notice little things and get the hang of it," Silver said.

"It's very competitive during the games, but after the games (over) everybody is immediately buddies. The same girl that trips you on purpose during the game will come up and put her arm around you and pat you on the back after the game."

Christine Silver
rugby club president

"If you're a good runner, that helps a lot [with] staying up with the pack, but it is a disorganized game," she said.

The girls do not have an official coach. Silver said she and vice-president Heather Miller coach the team along with the other veteran players. During the past two seasons the young team has been defeated once and tied once.

Margaret Gripshover, assistant professor of geography, serves as the squad's faculty advisor. She said her role is mainly ancillary, she is there to support and promote the team and obtain university facilities.

"There is not enough awareness in this area about women's rugby," said Gripshover, an ex-lacross, field hockey and ice

hockey player.

Since the team is technically a club, it is not funded by the school. When Judy Hill and Jody Gillenwater organized the team in 1992, community sponsors donated the money for jerseys. Three jerseys are now needed to complete the set. Silver said acquiring sponsors to cover expenses is one of the team's main goals this semester.

Sponsors' money would also help the team attend tournaments and become a member of the Rugby Union, Silver said. The Rugby Union is an official international organization for rugby clubs in which the men's rugby team is a member.

The biggest expense to players is traveling to Ohio and Kentucky for games, but Sil-

ver said that is the best part.

"It's very competitive during the games, but after the games (over) everybody is immediately buddies," Silver said. "The same girl that trips you on purpose during the game will come up and put her arm around you and pat you on the back after the game."

Although rugby is a rough sport, Silver said no player has experienced any broken bones or serious injury. She said lots of bruises and an occasional bloody lip or nose do stem from playing, but players learn how to take falls.

The six-game schedule is not yet complete since members are trying to establish new contacts, Silver said. Home games will be played on the intramural field by the Henderson Center after Spring Break.

"We really want the team to continue and become a permanent aspect of Marshall," Silver said. "There is so many more men's sports things at Marshall."

Every semester some players start late and some quit, so the team is always open to new members, Silver said. Anyone interested in tackling the sport may call 697-5323.

Good ratings for super bowl

NEW YORK (AP) — When it comes to television ratings, the Super Bowl means super numbers. So, while the San Francisco 49ers' lopsided victory over the San Diego Chargers had one of the smallest audiences in the game's history, it still produced the number advertisers love — the big 40.

Sunday's game on ABC drew a 41.3 rating and a 63 share, according to figures released Tuesday by A.C. Nielsen Media Research. Of the 29 Super Bowls, only seven have had lower ratings, and five of those were in its first five years, from 1967-71.

But there are numbers and then there are NUMBERS. Figure that each rating point represents 954,000 television households, and ABC estimated that the audience for the 49ers' 49-23 victory totalled 121 million people, about a million more than expected.

"Obviously, the game was not that competitive," said Andy Dallos, an ABC Sports spokesman. "But that is still a strong number."

Record to fall

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — John Stockton likely will break Magic Johnson's career assist record at home tonight against Denver — and the Utah Jazz guard can't wait to be finished with the hype.

It began with the start of the season, his 11th with the Jazz. Stockton had 9,383 assists, 538 short of Johnson's mark.

After 14 assists in Monday's 115-80 victory over Minnesota, Stockton was 11 shy of the record by the Los Angeles Lakers great.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — One week before President Clinton's deadline for progress toward settling the baseball strike, neither owners nor players appeared willing to budge much.

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Slump grows to five games

By Penny K. Copen
Staff Writer

Furman head coach Joe Cantafio perhaps said it best.

"This is a scary team (Marshall) because if they make a lot of their 3-point baskets they could run you out of the gym."

The key word in that sentence is "if."

Marshall lost its fifth straight game Monday night when the Purple Paladins of Furman downed the Herd 77-68 at Cam Henderson Center.

Herd head coach Billy Donovan said Marshall will not win very many games when the team only completes 39 percent of its shots and allows the

opponent to shoot 55 percent.

"We have to guard our opponents," Donovan said. "We didn't guard and their effort was good enough to win offensively."

While Marshall struggled from the floor, the Herd committed only 17 turnovers to Furman's 19.

"When we were playing the game at our speed we did a great job of handling the pressure," Cantafio said. "But it was a nightmare when we played at their speed."

Senior forward Shawn Moore said poor shot selection crippled the Herd's overall game effort.

"We don't do the little things we were doing earlier in the season," he said. "We'll be in a game and start doing the little things which allows us to come back if we're losing. Then we settle back down and lose the intensity."

Moore lead Herd scorers with 18 points, while freshman Chris Gray turned in a career-high six assists.

Despite the five-game slump, Moore said he isn't ready to throw in the towel.

"I'm not giving up on the system," Moore said.

"It got us to 10-3 earlier in the season and it will get us out of this losing streak. It's just going to take more attention and focus on the game as a team effort," he said.

Donovan said when the season is over only one team from the Southern Conference will go to the NCAA tournament and it will be the team that wins the Southern Conference Championship.

"These guys want to win and they need to take their effort and execute offensively and defensively," Donovan said. "This team will not win by outscoring people. This team has to win by pressing, running and playing very chaotic."

Marshall will have a few days to practice and rest before travelling to McAlister Field House, where it will take on The Citadel Saturday.

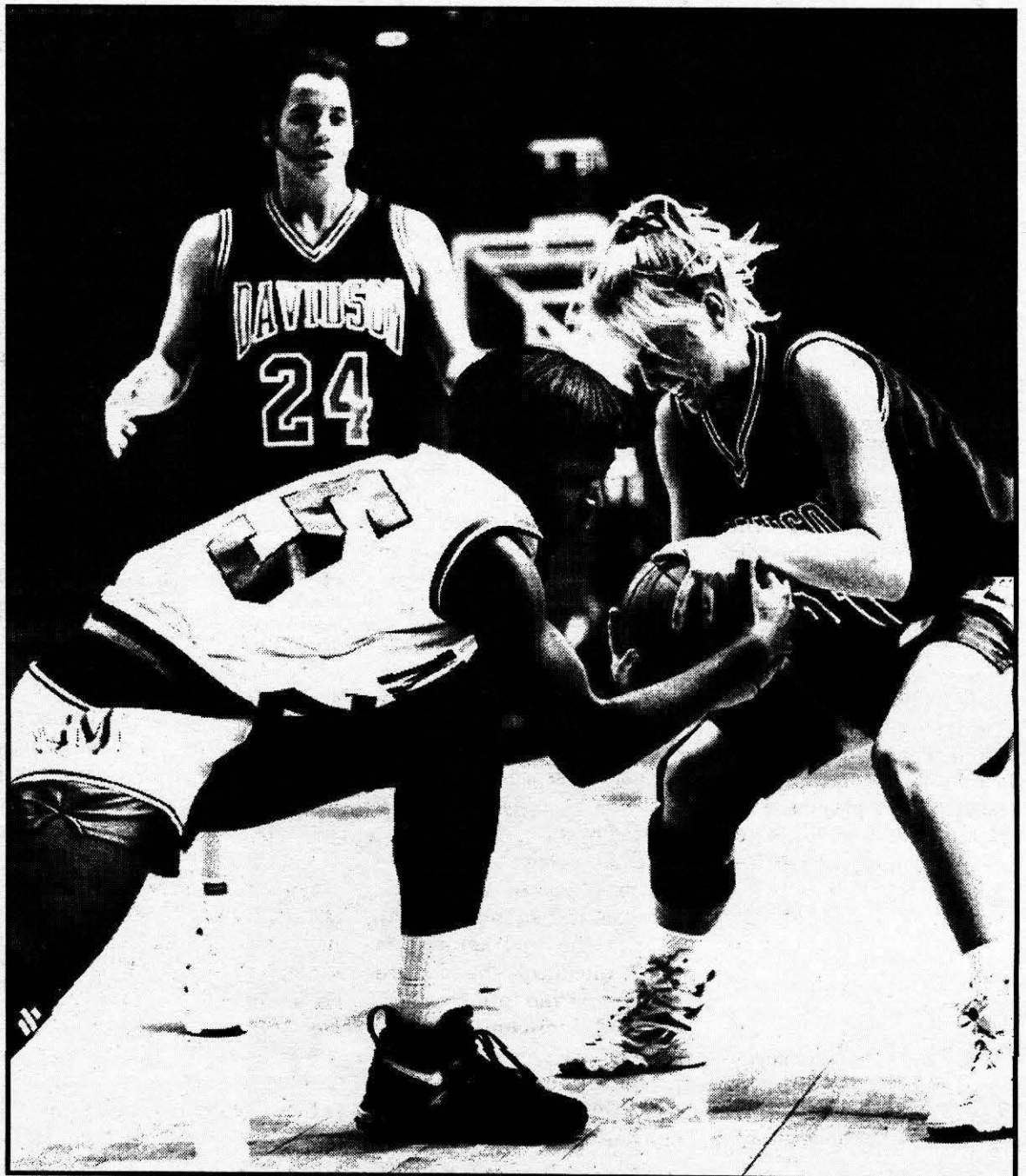


Photo by Brett Hall

The Herd's Denise Lane (left) fights for possession with Davidson's Maggie Young Monday.

Injury-stricken Herd hobbles on

By Jenelle B. Roberts
Reporter

The Thundering Herd women's basketball team overcame injuries and fatigue, for an 88-77 victory over the Davidson Wildcats in the Cam Henderson Center Monday night.

With three players out with injuries and Winetta Evans injured during the game, Marshall played most of the 40 minutes with only five players.

"We played the same kids a lot of minutes," said coach Sarah Evans-Moore. "Fatigue became a factor for us late in

the game, but overall, it was a balanced attack."

Freshman Cindy McCauley led the team with 19 points and played 39 minutes. She was followed by senior Tamira Higgins with 18 points, who sank 4-for-6 from the 3-point area. Sophomore Stephanie Wine contributed 13 points, and freshman Keri Simmons added 10.

"We had five people in double digits and that's what we need to win," said freshman Natal Rosko. Rosko scored 17 points and registered a career-high seven assists.

Davidson, searching for its first Southern Conference victory, came out scoring, taking a 6-0 lead in the first two minutes of the game. However, Marshall's man-to-man, full-court press and accurate scor-

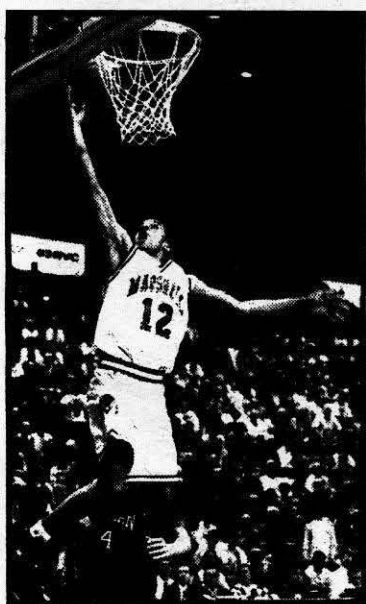
ing attack ended that lead quickly. In the first half, the Herd shot 53 percent from the floor, landing 8-for-13 from the 3-point area. Going into the half, Marshall led 47-36.

In the second half, resilient Davidson kept coming back. With 7:27 left in the game, the Wildcats cut the lead to four.

"I was nervous because Davidson, though they are in last place in the league, always plays hard and never gives up," Evans-Moore said.

The Herd did not give up either, pushing its lead back up to 11 before the end of the game. The win leaves Marshall 10-7 overall, 3-4 in the Southern Conference.

The Herd returns to Cam Henderson Center Saturday to meet East Tennessee State University at 7 p.m.

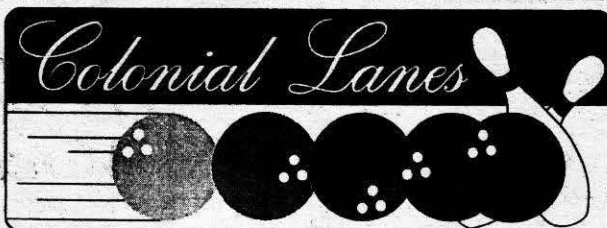


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Freshman point guard Chris Gray goes for a layup Monday night, as a Furman defender looks on. The loss makes five straight for the Herd, who drops to 10-8 on the season.

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the shadow of West Virginia's gleaming Capitol dome lies another of the mountain state's many treasures, the Cultural

Center Theatre, home to Mountain Stage.

"Mountain Stage began as a local, once-a-month show in 1984," said Andy T. Ridenour, executive producer. "We went to 16 shows in '85, and then 22 in '86. By the middle of 1986, we were broadcasting nationally on 25 stations."

A West Virginia Public Radio program, Mountain Stage offers a collection of rising and veteran performers, Ridenour said. The Sunday afternoon shows at the Cultural Center are recorded live before an audience of 480, Ridenour said. "We broadcast the program at six o'clock the following Saturday night," Ridenour explained. The program is carried by the 10 public radio stations in West Virginia and is broadcast nationally and by Public Radio International.

More than 100 artists from West Virginia are among the more than 1000 acts who have appeared from six continents, Ridenour said. Major underwriters of Mountain Stage include Ashland Oil and the West Virginia Department of Tourism, he said.

Ridenour said that the show originally started in the Cultural Center Theatre, but moved to Capital Plaza in downtown Charleston for almost three years. In 1990, Mountain Stage returned to the Cultural Center, he said.

"We have so many different types of music on the same show," Ridenour said, explaining the process of booking acts. "There are artists we go after and there are artists that send us material."

Ridenour said one of the most popular shows so far was an appearance by R.E.M. in April of 1991. "We had folks from Rolling Stone, Spin, and the Today Show here covering the performance," he said. "We would like to get Bob Dylan and Joni Mitchell in the future."

"If people sing well, West Virginia audiences appreciate that," said Larry T. Groce, co-producer and host of Mountain Stage, commenting on the diversity of the acts. "We put together a very eclectic show."

Groce described the combination of performers as a pragmatic process. "We look at the schedules of the performers and see what will work schedule-wise and what will work on stage. We have a show coming up with They Might Be Giants and Buckwheat Zydeco on the same bill. It works out that way," Groce said. "We mix it up pretty big; the artists love that kind of stuff."

Mountain Stage will be on the road for the month of March and the beginning of April, Groce said. "We have a couple of shows in Boston, one in New York, and another in Greenville, S.C."

This past Sunday's performance featured such a collection of new and renewed musical talents. Taj Mahal, blues ambassador, and the legendary Ritchie Havens shared the stage with a new generation of distinctive performers. Rusted Root, of Pennsylvania, and Barenaked Ladies, of Toronto, complemented the acoustic tradition of the veterans.

Taj Mahal opened the show, drawing from his repertoire of classic blues ballads. An accomplished guitar player and pianist, Mahal's lightning fingers and raspy voice combined for an explosive version of "Statesboro Blues."

Barenaked Ladies, with their distinctive woven harmonies, have performed on Mountain Stage before. They also appear on one of the "Best of the Mountain Stage" CDs.

Rusted Root made its first appearance on the show with a variety of instruments ranging from the more traditional to a washboard and spoons. Both groups received overwhelming applause for their dynamic sets.

Ritchie Havens, the first performer at the origi-



nal Woodstock, played a fiery version of "Just Like a Woman" by Bob Dylan, introduced by an excerpt of Van Morrison's "Tupelo Honey." The set included an unfamiliar song that Havens, backstage after the performance, said he had written just two days prior. "I was in Baltimore and it just came out. This is the first time I've played it publicly; it doesn't even

have a name yet," Havens said.

The show closed with a collective encore to Ray Charles's "Hallelujah, I Love Her So," with performers trading verses.

Each of the performers interviewed following the show stressed the significance that music plays in society. Mahal, as is his style, was to the point. "Music isn't about prettying yourself up to look nineteen again and winning the hearts of young girls. It's about the struggle, the human struggle," Mahal said.

"We wouldn't be here without these guys (referring to Mahal and Havens; the music's the reason we're still out here doing it)," said Ed Robertson, Barenaked Ladies guitar player and vocalist.

In an interview before the show, Havens stressed the importance of the "coming of age" of popular music. "It's still necessary to do what I do. Music has become true social commentary," Havens said. "It's not a culty thing anymore."

Havens said that today's youth are still writing about the same problems that faced his generation: violence, love, and the need to contribute to society. "The messages are the same, only kids today have so many types of music to choose from," Havens said. "I hear the same distress in rap and country music that I hear in my own. Each is telling a living story, a story about how we connect with the rest of the world."

This past Sunday's concert will be broadcast on West Virginia Public Radio, WVWV 89.9 FM, Saturday at 6 p.m. More information on Mountain Stage is available by contacting West Virginia Public Radio in Charleston.

Summing up his first experience with Mountain Stage, Havens said simply, "It's places like this that let the music belong to everyone."



Ritchie Havens



Taj Mahal, Ritchie Havens, Barenaked Ladies and Rusted Root close the performance.

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